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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 24th January 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (the HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI M. NARAYANA MENON, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House the death of Sri M. Narayana Menon, a former Member of the Legislative Council, on the 19th January 1961. He was an elected Member of the Legislative Council from 1937 to 1950 from the Malabar General Constituency. He was a Member of the Municipal Council, Palghat, and Vice-President of the Malabar District Board for two terms.

We express our sincere sorrow at his demise which I shall convey to the Members of the bereaved family.

I now request hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Accordingly, the Members stood in silence for a few minutes.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Transfer of Thalwadi to the Mysore State

* 17 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any communication has been received from the Government of India regarding the transfer of Thalwadi to the Mysore State from Madras State; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : தால்வாடியை மைசூர் மாநிலத்தில் சேர்க்க வேண்டுமென்று கிளர்ச்சி நடந்துவருவது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா? அது சம்பந்தமாக அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறதா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : யாரோ சிலர் கிளர்ச்சி செய்கிறார்கள் என்பதற்காக, அதையெல்லாம் சர்க்கார் கவனத்தில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாது. சென்னை இராச்சியத்தைப் பொறுத்த வரையில், நம்முடைய எல்லைகள் எல்லாம் நிரந்தரமாகத் தீர்க்கப்பட்டுவிட்டன. இனி எந்த மாறுதலும் செய்வதற்கில்லை என்பதைத் திட்டவட்டமாகச் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I take it that the Hon. Minster shares the view of the Hon. Finance Minister that as far as the present situation is concerned, there is finality?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is what he said in Tamil. (Laughter.)

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I am sorry, Sir.

Fourth Member of the Board of Revenue

* 18 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the post of the Fourth Member of the Board of Revenue has been abolished and, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : Yes. There was a post of Development Commissioner in the grade of Member, Board of Revenue, and Sri R. A. Gopalaswami, I.C.S., was holding that post. When Sri Gopalaswami proceeded on leave with effect from 5th October 1960, the Chief Secretary has been appointed to discharge the functions of the Development Commissioner and there was no need for the post of Fourth Member, Board of Revenue, which was accordingly abolished.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the Secretary to the Government, Finance Department, is also one of the Members of the Board of Revenue and have they been amalgamated as a measure of retrenchment?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir, he is on the super-time scale.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is he drawing an allowance? And does it not stand in the way of another officer of the Government drawing the acting allowance of Rs. 250?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the Government save on account of this.